

**2013
UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
EARTH DAY AWARDS**

Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Company Name Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
Address HC 35, Box 380
City, State, Zip Helper, Utah 84526
Contact Person Gregg Galecki
Phone (435) 448-2636
Site Name Skyline Mine
Location Eccles Canyon

Activity and Category (Please check one activity and one category)

Activity

- Oil and Gas
- Minerals
- Coal ☒

Category

- Environmental improvement to an active mine site, drilling or recovery site, or field
- Outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology
- Outstanding final reclamation or site restoration
- Other: Outstanding results following mitigation of a historic mining area ☒

Nominated By

Name Gregg Galecki
Address HC 35 Box 380
City, State, Zip Helper, Utah 84526
Phone (435) 448-2636

Nomination Summary (attach additional sheets, photos, etc., as necessary)

As mitigation for the construction of the Winter Quarters Ventilation Facility, Skyline Mine produced a 40-page booklet on the history of Winter Quarters Canyon. The booklet is a phenomenal success, now being used in the local school districts as an educational tool highlighting the area as a historical cultural resource of the State. SEE ATTACHED SHEETS.

Earth Day Award Nomination 2013
Winter Quarters Historic Booklet
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC.
Skyline Mine

Skyline Mine is an active underground coal mine nestled in the mountains approximately six miles southwest of Scofield, Utah. Much of the surrounding area is enjoyed by outdoor enthusiasts that love fishing, camping, hunting, and hiking among other activities.

As underground mining advances northward, an exhaust fan on a slope was necessary in Winter Quarters Canyon to provide increased ventilation. The Winter Quarters Ventilation Facility (WQVF) was built on the western edge of the historic Winter Quarters Mining district approximately two miles west of Scofield, Utah. Improvements to the entire Winter Quarters Canyon were needed to complete the WQVF project. The existing road had to be improved and a power line needed to be extended up the canyon. The State Historic Preservation Office was concerned with the potential impacts the construction would have on the Cultural Resources that exist in the Canyon, and the improvements were designed to be as unobtrusive as possible and avoid all historically significant sites in the canyon during construction. Initial discussions of mitigation included providing a kiosk along highway SR 96 at the mouth of the canyon providing a pictorial display of the history of the canyon. It was quickly determined that the wealth of information available on the area was better served with a more comprehensive booklet. Skyline Mine decided to contract the services of Canyon Environmental, Inc. to prepare a booklet outlining the experiences of living in Winter Quarters during those mining days. The result was a 40-page booklet describing life in Winter Quarters from the late 1800's through the early 1900's.

Winter Quarters Canyon has a rich mining history extending from the 1870's through the 1920's, and is infamous for being the site of one of the largest mine disasters in US history where 200 miners died in an explosion on May 1, 1900. The booklet, ***Utah Ghost Towns – Uncovering Winter Quarters***, not only chronicles the lifespan of the mining history that took place in the canyon, but also focuses on the people who lived there. The booklet provides numerous personal stories that illustrate daily life at the turn of the 20th century. Some of the stories came from an employee of Skyline Mine whose ancestors grew up there. The various stories provide the reader with both the hardships and simple joys of the time.

The compilation and drafting of the booklet took almost two years to complete. One thousand copies of the 40-page booklet have been distributed to the following:

- Division of Natural Resources Library,
- The City of Scofield,
- The Western Mining Museum,
- Utah State Office of Historic Preservation,

- Three (3) local historic societies,
- Brigham Young University Special Collections,
- Utah State Archives; and
- Eight (8) surrounding school districts which included copies going to 168 school libraries.

Since 1992, Skyline Mine has been part of the 'Clear Creek Outdoor Education Summer Camp' for eligible 5th and 6th grade Alpine School District students. Each week during the program, a new group of 80-120 kids arrive at Skyline Mine to learn about mining, and more specifically how coal mining affects their lives. Skyline personnel emphasize that we can both utilize the natural resources and be good stewards of the land. Mr. Bob Larson, Co-director of the summer camp, outlines in his email that the booklet provides "a remarkable tribute to the families who carved a living from the canyon west of Scofield." After reading the stories and walking the canyon, the students can vividly imagine what the area was like when 1000 people lived in the little valley. He also notes that the booklet, "is a wonderful new resource, including many primary source references," and "I look forward to integrating your book into our teacher training, and as a resource for students."

Dear Ms. Balzotti:

I just finished reading a copy of your recently printed and distributed book, *Utah Ghost Towns - Uncovering Winter Quarters*. What a great gift to the people of Utah and a remarkable tribute to the families who carved a living from the canyon west of Scofield.

I have been on staff since 1987 at the Alpine School District Clear Creek Outdoor Education Camp located two miles south of Winter Quarters. As part of our summer camp curriculum, beginning in the 1960s, students have toured and learned about Winter Quarters and Scofield. Your book is a wonderful new resource, including many primary source references. Thank you for your efforts to gather and publish the information in the book.

I now serve as co-director for the summer camp and look forward to integrating your book into our teacher training and as a resource for students

You are probably are aware that your book is being donated to school libraries throughout the state. I thought you might be interested to know that our elementary school received two copies which are now accessible for students.

Sincerely,

Bob Larson

Co-director, Clear Creek Outdoor Education Summer Camp

--

Fourth Grade, Room 121

Thunder Ridge Elementary School

264 North 750 West

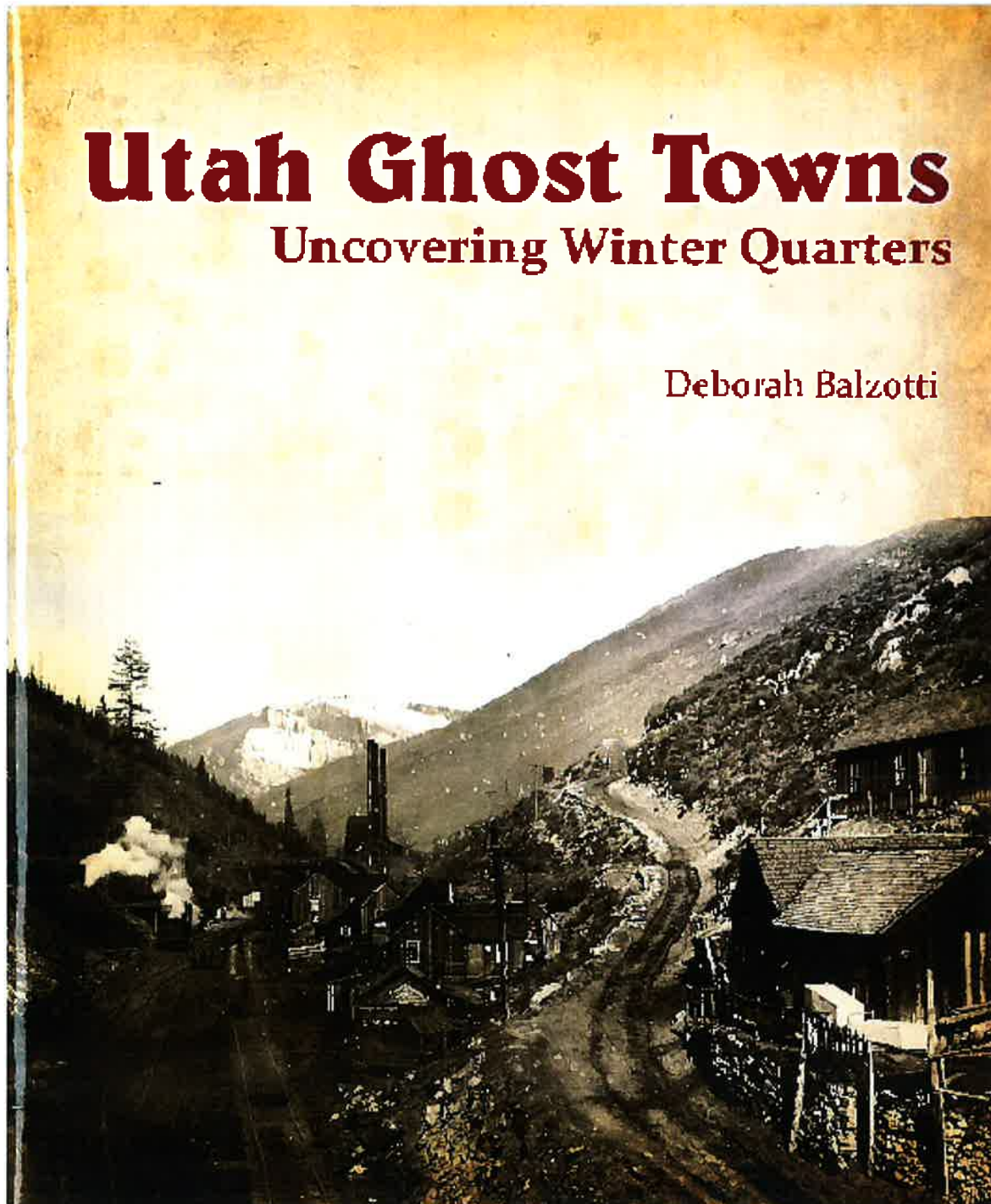
Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045

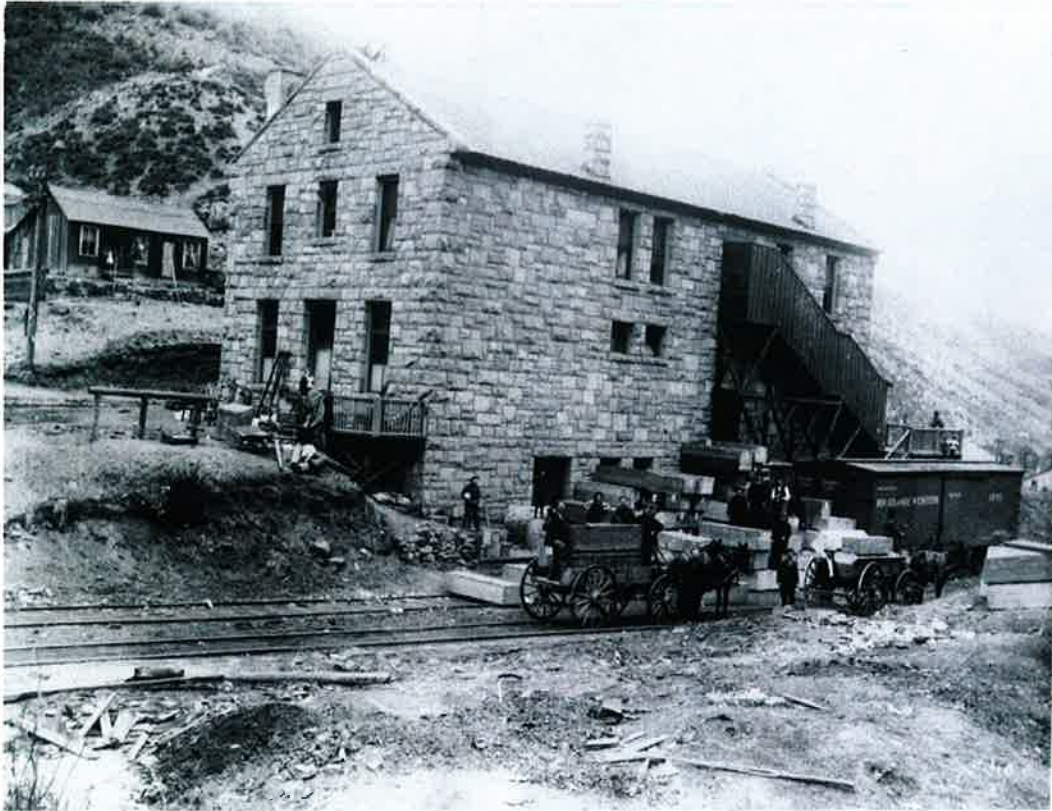
(801) 610-8727 ext. 121

Alpine School District

Skyline personnel see the booklet as another source to demonstrate the historic significance of mining, and how 130 years of mining has minimal environmental impacts. It is also important to note that the booklet provides information to the public that wouldn't otherwise be available due to being located on private property with limited access. We see mining, the need to utilize our natural resources, and the duty to extract our resources in an environmentally sustainable way as a Core Value that needs to be passed on to future generations. This booklet provides an excellent tool in furthering that cause.

Skyline Mine respectfully submits this application for consideration of a 2013 Earth Day Award. Below is the cover of ***Utah Ghost Towns – Uncovering Winter Quarters***, selected photos of the area, and a copy of the booklet.





Coffins being loaded at the Wasatch Store after the Mine disaster in May 1900.



The Wasatch Store 113 years later.



The Luoma family lost seven sons and three grandsons in the explosion.



A family is walking to the church building in Winter Quarters.



Remnants of a drinking water well.



A mine fan utilized in Winter Quarters Mine.



Gregg Galecki, Environ. Engineer
HCR 35, Box 380
Helper, UT 84526
(435) 448-2636 - Office
(435) 448-2632 - Fax

January 28, 2013

Mr. Jim Springer
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RECEIVED
JAN 30 2013
DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

RE: Earth Day Award Nomination,

Dear Mr. Springer:

Please find enclosed Canyon Fuel Company, LLC Skyline Mine submittal for the Earth Day Award Nomination for 2013. Included are the Nomination Form, a brief description of the project, and a booklet titled, "Utah Ghost Towns – Uncovering Winter Quarters".

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (435) 448-2636.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregg A. Galecki".

Gregg A. Galecki
Environmental Engineer – Skyline Mines
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC